

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A guidance output method for an electronic apparatus having a guidance part which indicates guidance information including operation procedures and warnings related to maintenance, said guidance part  
10 being provided at a location corresponding to an apparatus part, within the electronic apparatus, to which the guidance information is related, said guidance output method comprising the steps of:

displaying, in response to a display instruction,  
15 guidance information indicated by a corresponding guidance part, on a display part of the electronic apparatus.

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2. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

generating the display instruction in response to  
25 an operation of a switch which is provided at said

location or a switch which is provided at a position other than said location.

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3. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

generating the display instruction in response to  
10 an operation of a switch which is integrally provided on the guidance part.

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4. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guidance information has a hierarchical structure, and further comprising the steps of:

20 displaying guidance information of a hierarchical layer of the hierarchical structure specified by a layer specifying instruction.

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5. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guidance information includes at least one of information selected from a group consisting of operating instructions, cautions, layout of parts within the electronic apparatus, product name of the electronic apparatus, model number of the electronic apparatus, rated voltage, rated current, and methods of contacting services.

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6. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guidance information includes characters and/or pictures.

7. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said displaying step displays the guidance information on the display part after subjecting the guidance information to a color conversion process for facilitating color discrimination and/or an enlarging conversion process in response to a

conversion instruction.

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8. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

printing the guidance information in response to a print instruction.

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9. The guidance output method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

printing the guidance information in response to a print instruction,

said printing step printing the guidance information after subjecting the guidance information to a color conversion process for facilitating color discrimination in response to a color conversion instruction.

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10. The guidance output method as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein the electronic apparatus is selected  
from a group consisting of copying apparatus, facsimile  
apparatus, printing apparatus, composite apparatus, air  
5 conditioning apparatus, and vending machines.

10 11. An electronic apparatus comprising:  
a display part;  
a plurality of apparatus parts subject to  
maintenance;  
at least one guidance part to indicate guidance  
15 information including operation procedures and warnings  
related to maintenance, said guidance part being  
provided at a location corresponding to one of the  
apparatus parts to which the guidance information is  
related; and  
20 a controller to display guidance information  
indicated by a corresponding guidance part on the  
display part, in response to a display instruction.

12. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

a switch which is provided at said location or at a position other than said location,

5        said controller displaying the guidance information on the display part in response to a display instruction which is generated when the switch is operated.

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13. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

15        a switch which is integrally provided on the guidance part,

      said controller displaying the guidance information on the display part in response to a display instruction which is generated when the switch is operated.

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14. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein:

25        the guidance information has a hierarchical

structure, and

said controller displays, on the display part,  
guidance information of a hierarchical layer of the  
hierarchical structure specified by a layer specifying  
5 instruction.

10           15. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 11, wherein the guidance information includes at  
least one of information selected from a group  
consisting of operating instructions, cautions, layout  
of parts within the electronic apparatus, product name  
15 of the electronic apparatus, model number of the  
electronic apparatus, rated voltage, rated current, and  
methods of contacting services.

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16. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 11, wherein the guidance information includes  
characters and/or pictures.

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17. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said controller displays the guidance information on the display part after subjecting the guidance information to a color conversion process for  
5 facilitating color discrimination and/or an enlarging conversion process in response to a conversion instruction.

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18. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

a printing part,  
15 said controller printing the guidance information by the printing part in response to a print instruction.

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19. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

a printing part,  
said controller printing the guidance information  
25 by the printing part after subjecting the guidance



information to a color conversion process for  
facilitating color discrimination in response to a color  
conversion instruction.

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20. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 11, wherein the electronic apparatus is selected  
10 from a group consisting of copying apparatus, facsimile  
apparatus, printing apparatus, composite apparatus, air  
conditioning apparatus, and vending machines.

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21. A computer-readable storage medium which  
stores a program for a computer within an electronic  
apparatus having a guidance part which indicates  
20 guidance information including operation procedures and  
warnings related to maintenance, said guidance part  
being provided at a location corresponding to an  
apparatus part, within the electronic apparatus, to  
which the guidance information is related, said program  
25 causing the computer to display the guidance information

and comprising:

a display procedure causing the computer to display,  
in response to a display instruction, guidance  
information indicated by a corresponding guidance part,  
5 on a display part of the electronic apparatus.

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claimed in claim 21, wherein said program further  
comprises:

a procedure causing the computer to receive the  
display instruction from a switch which is provided at  
15 said location or from a switch which is provided at a  
position other than said location, when the switch is  
operated.

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23. The computer-readable storage medium as  
claimed in claim 21, wherein said program further  
comprises:

25                   a procedure causing the computer to receive the

display instruction from a switch which is integrally provided on the guidance part, when the switch is operated.

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24. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein the guidance information  
10 has a hierarchical structure, and said program further comprises:

a procedure causing the computer to display guidance information of a hierarchical layer of the hierarchical structure specified by a layer specifying  
15 instruction.

20 25. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein the guidance information includes at least one of information selected from a group consisting of operating instructions, cautions, layout of parts within the electronic apparatus, product  
25 name of the electronic apparatus, model number of the

electronic apparatus, rated voltage, rated current, and methods of contacting services.

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26. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein the guidance information includes characters and/or pictures.

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27. The computer-readable storage medium as  
15 claimed in claim 21, wherein said display procedure causes the computer to display the guidance information on the display part after subjecting the guidance information to a color conversion process for  
facilitating color discrimination and/or an enlarging  
20 conversion process in response to a conversion instruction.

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28. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said program further comprises:

5 a print procedure causing the computer to print the guidance information in response to a print instruction.

10 29. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said program further comprises:

a print procedure causing the computer to print the guidance information in response to a print instruction,  
15 said print procedure causing the computer to print the guidance information after subjecting the guidance information to a color conversion process for facilitating color discrimination in response to a color conversion instruction.

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30. The computer-readable storage medium as  
25 claimed in claim 21, wherein the electronic apparatus is

selected from a group consisting of copying apparatus, facsimile apparatus, printing apparatus, composite apparatus, air conditioning apparatus, and vending machines.

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31. An electronic apparatus comprising:

10 display means;

a plurality of apparatus parts subject to maintenance;

at least one guidance part to indicate guidance information including operation procedures and warnings  
15 related to maintenance, said guidance part being provided at a location corresponding to one of the apparatus parts to which the guidance information is related; and

control means for displaying guidance information  
20 indicated by a corresponding guidance part on the display means, in response to a display instruction.

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